

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 19**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to the United Way.

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SCR 19, as amended, Evans. The United Way.

This measure would honor the 125th anniversary of the founding of the United Way.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 2012, the United Way celebrated the 125th  
2 anniversary of its founding; and  
3 WHEREAS, The United Way was founded in Denver in 1887;  
4 and

1 WHEREAS, Today, the United Way is the largest privately  
2 funded, nonprofit corporation in the nation and the world, with  
3 more than 1,800 United Ways in 41 countries and territories; and

4 WHEREAS, The focus of the United Way is identifying and  
5 resolving pressing community issues, as well as making measurable  
6 changes in the communities through partnerships with schools,  
7 government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial  
8 institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and  
9 neighborhood associations, the faith community, and others; and

10 WHEREAS, The issues the United Way focuses on are  
11 determined locally because of the diversity of the communities  
12 served; and

13 WHEREAS, The United Way's overall framework, however,  
14 includes education, income, and health; and

15 WHEREAS, The United Way builds on community strengths  
16 and assets, helps individuals and groups with specific community  
17 interests, finds ways for them to contribute their time and talents,  
18 supports direct-service programs and community-change efforts,  
19 and advocates public policy changes; and

20 WHEREAS, Millions of corporations and businesses partner  
21 with the United Way to address community needs; and

22 WHEREAS, The United Way of California improves the health,  
23 education, and financial results of low-income children and families  
24 by enhancing and coordinating the advocacy and community  
25 impact work of California's United Ways; and

26 WHEREAS, California's independent, local United Ways  
27 created United Ways of California to help them work together to  
28 advance their mutual goals; and

29 WHEREAS, California's local United Ways do vital work in  
30 their communities. They collectively raise over \$200 million per  
31 year in charitable gifts for targeted investments and critical health,  
32 education, and human services; and

33 WHEREAS, By working together through United Ways of  
34 California, the local United Ways can more effectively pursue  
35 opportunities and develop resources across multiple regions and  
36 the entire state, and better influence the state policy environment,  
37 which has a significant impact on local United Ways' success in  
38 their communities; and

39 WHEREAS, Individually and together, California's United  
40 Ways build a stronger California by mobilizing our public, private,

1 and nonprofit sectors through research, civic engagement, public  
2 policy advocacy, and results-based funding; and

3 WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in this state advance  
4 the common good and improve communities across this state as  
5 places to live and to do business through strategic investments,  
6 initiatives, partnerships, and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors the United Way  
9 regarding the 125th anniversary of its founding and encourage all  
10 residents of this state to support the United Way; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.